

SNOWFLAKE WATER RESERVOIR FOUND IN SAFE CONDITION

Assurances that all safety factors in connection with the big Snowflake reservoir of the Snowflake and Taylor irrigation company in Navajo county have been checked over and that the reservoir's condition gives no occasion for alarm, were made public yesterday by State Water Commissioner W. S. Norviel.

The commissioner is just returned from an inspection trip to the dam, made at the request of State Engineer Thomas Madlock, who was called upon by some of the people under the dam to take steps toward safeguarding their homes. The state engineer lacked jurisdiction in the premises but the water commissioner had jurisdiction on technical grounds, in connection with his jurisdiction of the Little Colorado river water that have a bearing upon the dam supply.

The Snowflake reservoir was built in 1904 and has always occasioned some alarm because of the numerous "seeps" existing below the dam and on either side thereof. It was never filled to capacity, as the irrigation company stuck to a policy of caution and of keeping within a height of water that had been found safe. Recently, it was claimed, an elective official of the company had announced his intention of filling the dam to capacity.

Commissioner Norviel secured assurances from the official that no attempts of that sort had been intended and that none would be made. A number of old time water-users testified to the commissioner that the "seeps" were becoming less serious every year.

It is claimed that a break in the dam would be disastrous, as nearly 1,300 persons live within the path of a possible flood, the list including 75 at Shumway, 400 at Taylor and 800 at Snowflake. The water users have 2,500 acres under irrigation, and also use impounded water to run a day-time

grist-mill and a night time electric-light plant. The community is a Mormon colony, the commissioner says, that is rated highly prosperous.

MRS. M. E. WEBSTER OF HAYDEN PASSES AWAY

HAYDEN, March 7.—It is with regret that the death, on March 5, of Juanita, wife of M. E. Webster of this city, is announced. Mrs. Webster had been ailing for some time, but her sudden death came as a shock to her family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Webster are old-timers of the Hayden district, coming here in the spring of 1911, one year after their marriage, which took place in Globe, July 11, 1910. Mrs. Webster was born in Verona, Mo., March 11, 1879, and arrived in Globe during 1908. Immediately following their marriage, Mr. Webster accepted a position with Mrs. Kany Electric and Telephone Co., and built the line from Ray to Kelvin and from Kelvin to Hayden. Upon the completion of the work, Mr. Webster was asked to assume the management of the Hayden district and has held that position for the past ten years. Mrs. Webster, although sick, was well known for her readiness to help those in need, and always took a lively interest in all movements for the betterment of the community, and her help will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held at the Webster home on the morning of the 8th, following which Mr. Webster and Mrs. Jenny McQueen (mother of Mrs. Webster, who was visiting with her daughter at the time of her death) accompanied the body to Tempe, where they were met by the two brothers of Mrs. Webster, J. M. McQueen of Little Rock, Ark., and Guy McQueen of Palestine, Texas. Interment will be in the cemetery at Tempe, Tuesday, the 9th. Many beautiful floral offerings expressed the sympathy of the officials of the company and the many friends of the deceased.

COUNTY WILL HAVE 88 PRECINCTS FOR ELECTION IN FALL

Maricopa county will be divided into 88 election precincts for the state primary election in September. This is three more than in years past. Other precincts may be added before the general election in November.

Four new precincts were created at a meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday. They include two new precincts in Glendale; one at Maricopa, and one at Goodyear. At the same time, the board abolished the precinct known as Washington No. 2, which is located at a mine in the northern section of the county.

Designating the polling places for the primary election will be the next step by the board in making preparations for the voting this fall. These polling places will probably be determined at the meeting next week.

Should the precincts already created prove inadequate for handling the voters of the county, other precincts will be created prior to the general election, board members intimated yesterday.

HOG RAISERS MUST BEWARE OF CHOLERA

Hog cholera will continue to spread all over the state, according to State Veterinarian R. J. Hight, if the hog raisers continue lax in their methods by failing to clean off their shoes when leaving infested places and by allow-

ing afflicted hogs to wallow in irrigation ditches. Dr. Hight said yesterday that he had just seen a cholera-stricken hog in a ditch that served dozens of ranches down the line.

The immunization vaccine, according to the doctor, is a sure safeguard when used properly, although it cannot be counted to save a hog already stricken. In one case, that the official mentions, a rancher used the vaccine conscientiously but incorrectly and he lost about 10 per cent of his drove of 500 hogs. The losses decreased rapidly after he obtained assistance from the state veterinarian.

There is no general epidemic of the hog cholera in Arizona, Dr. Hight says, but sporadic outbreaks are appearing constantly.

PRE-NUPTIAL GIFT TO FORD FROM "BOYS"

Preparatory to his wedding, which will occur shortly, the date of which he swears a gun could not make him disclose, George O. Ford received as a mark of esteem and wholesome good will, 50 big dollars which the boys insisted should not be expended by him, but should be handed over to his happy mate. It was realized by them that, having of late become a grandfather, his mind reverts to infant toys, a supply of which it was feared he might secure in the fear that extremities might arise when the supply might be limited when most required.

However, to his employees, whom he deems too liberal, he extends a most grateful acknowledgment and a positive assurance that Mrs. Ford soon-to-be joins with him in profound thankfulness. And whatever may be secured with this bounteous gift will be held and esteemed as a mark of great regard from well-wishing friends.

SEEK LOWER CEMENT RATE IN CONFERENCE AT SAN FRANCISCO

Seeking a special rate of \$2.50 a ton on cement shipped to Phoenix from El Paso, Colton or other points, a special committee from this county was in conference yesterday afternoon at San Francisco with traffic chiefs of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads. In view of the fact that the present rate on cement from Colton to Phoenix is \$6.40 a ton, while the rate from San Francisco to Colton, a greater distance, is only \$3.50 a ton, the committee claims the rate to Phoenix is unjust and prejudicial. The rate to Phoenix from El Paso is also \$6.40 a ton.

The chief basis for seeking an adjustment with the railroads is the building of the country paved road system of \$4,000,000. The difference between the rate collected and the rate asked for is such as to make necessary a vigorous and united effort to secure the \$2.50 a ton rate which, as the committee states, will mean the saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers.

The committee represents the city government, the county government, the county highway commission, the Phoenix chamber of commerce, the Merchants and Manufacturers association, as set down in a resolution passed at a joint meeting March 1. The proposal has received the endorsement of the Rotary club, the Kiwanis club, Woman's club and others. The committee comprises Roy S. Goodrich, chairman traffic committee, chamber of commerce; Roland Johnston, traffic manager, chamber of commerce; John F. Barker, president Merchants and Manufacturers association; Eugene Hackett, chairman Maricopa county



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